

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                              |
|                             | : | Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich |
| TAKAHIRO MORO ET AL.        | ) |                              |
|                             | : | Art Unit: 2624               |
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| For: PRINT CONTROL          | ) |                              |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to further examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims are listed beginning at page 2, and the Remarks are at page 11.